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SUBJECT: BRIEFING FOR SAUDI FINANCE MINISTER ON STATUS OF
U.S. ANTI-BOYCOTT LEGISLATION

REF: (A) STATE 43693, (B) STATE 80062, (C) STATE 86310

1. REFTELS, TOGETHER WITH STATEMENT BY SECRETARY VANCE
BEFORE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES ON FEBRUARY 28 AND MARCH 1,
PROVIDE IN SOME DETAIL THE STATUS AND CONTENT OF CURRENT
LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS AND ALSO THE POINTS WHICH WE BELIEVE
IMPORTANT TO GET ACROSS TO PERTINENT ARAB OFFICIALS. WE
SUGGEST THAT JIDDA ARRANGE TO GET THESE MESSAGES TO BOWDEN
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FOR HIS USE IN BRIEFING AL-TURKI. IT MIGHT EVEN BE BETTER
IF AN EMBASSY OFFICER WHO HAS BEEN DEALING WITH THIS
PROBLEM COULD PARTICIPATE PERSONALLY IN BRIEFING AL-TURKI.
WE COMMEND PARTICULARLY TO YOUR ATTENTION THE POINTS IN
REFS A AND B WHICH PROVIDE RATIONALE FOR THE ADMINISTRA-
TION'S APPROACH AND POINT TO CERTAIN SPECIFIC PRACTICES OF
BOYCOTTING COUNTRIES (WITH REGARD TO SECONDARY BOYCOTT)

WHICH WE ANTICIPATE WILL BE PROHIBITED BY FORTHCOMING U.S. LEGISLATION. THE EMPHASIS SHOULD BE ON:

A. THE ADMINISTRATION'S CONTINUED VERY HIGH PRIORITY IN HELPING PARTIES IN THE MIDDLE EAST TO MOVE TOWARD A JUST AND LASTING SETTLEMENT, AND OUR DEEP DESIRE TO MAINTAIN FRIENDLY AND COOPERATIVE RELATIONSHIPS WITH THE VARIOUS COUNTRIES OF THE REGION.

B. IN DEALING WITH CERTAIN PROBLEMS ARISING OUT OF ENFORCEMENT OF THE BOYCOTT OF ISRAEL, WE ARE NOT CONFRONTING THE ARAB STATES ON THE ISSUE OF THE PRIMARY BOYCOTT.

C. JUST AS WE RECOGNIZE THE SOVEREIGN RIGHT OF THE ARAB STATES TO REGULATE THEIR OWN COMMERCE, WE EXPECT THAT THEY WILL RECOGNIZE OUR SOVEREIGN RIGHT TO DEAL WITH CERTAIN ASPECTS OF THE BOYCOTT WHICH AFFECT DIRECTLY THE DECISIONS AND ACTIONS OF U.S. RPT U.S. FIRMS. IN LATTER REGARD, THERE IS WIDESPREAD FEELING IN THE U.S. THAT U.S. FIRMS SHOULD NOT BE EXPECTED TO ACT AS INSTRUMENTS OF A BOYCOTT MAINTAINED BY FOREIGN COUNTRIES WHICH, IN EFFECT, WOULD HAVE THEM TAKE SIDES IN A DISPUTE IN WHICH THE U.S. WISHES TO MAINTAIN FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH ALL PARTIES.

D. IN SPIRIT OF MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING AND COLLABORATION WHICH MARKS U.S.-SAUDI RELATIONS, WE SEEK SAG'S COOPERATION ON STEPS THAT CAN BE TAKEN TO
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REDUCE THE PROBLEMS AT ISSUE. SAG ACCEPTANCE OF POSITIVE CERTIFICATES OF ORIGIN WAS A VERY HELPFUL FIRST STEP IN THIS DIRECTION.

2. YOU SHOULD ALSO SAY THAT DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY SOBER LOOKS FORWARD TO OPPORTUNITY OF DISCUSSING THESE MATTERS FURTHER WITH THE MINISTER AND AL-TURKI. DURING THEIR FORTHCOMING VISIT HERE. VANCE

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